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Letter dated 20 July 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for 19 and 20 July 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 20 July 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (19 July 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported four incidents of gunfire in Ladhiqiyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported one incident of gunfire in Hama Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out two humanitarian operations:

- One in Kahil, Dar'a Governorate (650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed to people in need); and
- One in Nu'aymah, Dar'a Governorate (650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed to people in need).

In total, 1,870 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,805.06 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to nine residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 85,928 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is 2,518.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (20 July 2018)

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The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported four incidents of gunfire: three in Ladhiqiyah Governorate and one in Hama Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any incidents of gunfire.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian operation over the past 24 hours in Salihiyah, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate: 650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed to people in need.

In total, 1,871 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,807.86 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 52 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 85,980 residents.

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